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Applicants: John R. Dales 26 July 2000
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 28 January 2000, having a shortened statutory period of 3 months, please enter the following Remarks and Amendments into the record. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three (3) month extension of the shortened statutory period set by the Examiner and authorization to charge the required fee to the indicated deposit account, along with a request for filing of a Continued Prosecution Application Transmittal letter.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 15-20.

REMARKS

Claims 5 to 7 and 10 to 14 are in the application. Claims 15 to 20 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional or continuation applications on the cancelled subject matter.

The claims presently in the application now only cover a process where the 6-chloro substituent must be removed after the coupling and decarboxylation steps.